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Baptists respond
to storm damage

By Marty Croll

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)--Southern Baptists have begun to respond to human needs after torrential rains, floods and high winds battered the Philippines and Central America. Missionaries were unhurt in the two storms.

In the Philippines, Typhoon Ruby dumped up to nine inches of rain as it cut a 700-mile swath from the southern island of Mindanao to northernmost Luzon, reported Sam Waldron, Southern Baptists' missionary administrator in Manila.

Waldron had not received any official reports Oct. 26, but said he understood missionaries personally were contributing clothes and other items to two Baptist pastors who lost much of what they owned when their homes were flooded in Marikina, a suburb of Manila.

Aida Yberra, a switchboard operator at the Baptist building, lost everything she owned when water in Marikina filled her house. She and her children saved themselves by crawling onto the roof. The flood resulted after floodgates on the Marikina River opened unexpectedly.

Communication in the Philippines was impossible for a time; many telephone lines were still down Oct. 26. Because reports of damage were expected to come to the Baptist office by telegraph or telephone, Waldron said he might need until the end of October or later to know how Southern Baptists could best respond to needs in outlying areas. He expected the greatest loss would be in crop destruction.

On the other side of the globe, Hurricane Joan skirted along the northern coast of South America, then went ashore in Central America, leaving a path of flood and wind damage from Colombia to Nicaragua.

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board released \$13,000 in disaster relief funds Oct. 26, primarily to help families on San Andres Island in the Caribbean repair their homes.

On the mainland, Southern Baptist missionary Bob Caperton of Alvin, Texas, and a Colombian pastor rented a boat to take \$1,000 in food to an area on the Guajira Peninsula in Colombia. Residents there lost their livelihood from salt beds when they were washed away.

Foreign Mission Board officials were trying to contact Baptist leaders in Nicaragua, which felt the full force of the hurricane. The board may be able to assist in Nicaraguan relief either through the Nicaraguan convention or Baptist World Alliance efforts, said John Cheyne, director of human needs for the Foreign Mission Board.

Joan also caused deaths in the southern Costa Rican town of Ciudad Niely, where about 30 people attend services at a Baptist mission. Missionaries in Costa Rica have been unable to determine whether any Baptists were affected.

Leaders urge
'E.T.' boycott

By Marv Knox

NASHVILLE (BP)--Christians should continue to protest "The Last Temptation of Christ" by boycotting the just-released video version of "E.T. -- The Extra-Terrestrial," according to a statement signed by leaders of more than 25 denominations and religious groups.

"We Believe: A Call to Concern and Action" outlines the latest in a series of protests that have raged against "The Last Temptation," a film based on the novel by Nikos Kazantzakis.

Conservative Christians have criticized the movie, particularly citing their impression that it portrays Jesus as indecisive and that it inaccurately recreates numerous New Testament events. Concerns have been directed at Universal Studios and Cineplex Odeon Films, which produced and distributed the movie, and MCA, Inc., the parent company of both organizations.

The religious leaders' statement calls on Christians to take five actions:

- "Pray for those responsible for the film, that they become sensitive to and develop respect for the religious beliefs of others.
- "Express appreciation to those theaters which elected not to show 'The Last Temptation of Christ.'
- "Boycott the movie 'The Last Temptation of Christ' and those theaters which show the movie.
- "Boycott the video release of 'E.T. -- The Extra-Terrestrial.' ...
- "Write MCA to express displeasure at the release of 'The Last Temptation of Christ' and express the intention to boycott the movie and the video 'E.T.' Letters should be addressed to Mr. Sidney Sheinberg, President; MCA, Inc.; 100 Universal City Plaza; Universal City, Calif. 91608.

The latest protest was unveiled just prior to the Oct. 27 release of the video version of "E.T." MCA reportedly expects to sell a record 12 million tapes by Christmas, taking in \$300 million.

Planners of the protest met Sept. 8 in Nashville to discuss strategy. A letter they have sent to religious leaders across the country says: "The major concern of the group was what the release of ('The Last Temptation') represented; namely, a callous indifference to the Christian faith. It was felt, therefore, that such intolerance and insensitivity should not go unnoticed and that those responsible should be held accountable."

Signers of the protest statement have included leaders of several conservative denominations, as well as heads of such organizations as Campus Crusade for Christ, Citizens for Decency through Law, the American Family Association and the National Association of Evangelicals.

Southern Baptist signers are convention President Jerry Vines of Jacksonville, Fla., and Larry Braidfoot, general counsel of the denomination's Christian Life Commission in Nashville.

Braidfoot, who participated in the strategy sessions, explained the group's plan: "The leaders signing the original statement determined to avoid publicity in the secular media and to communicate principally with their own constituents. The goal was to encourage Christians and others offended by the movie to refrain from buying the highly advertised product which MCA expected to contribute hundreds of millions of dollars to its corporate income.

"'E.T.' had been selected as the most visible product of Universal which might appeal to those Christians who were offended by 'The Last Temptation of Christ.'"

"The Last Temptation" has "fared poorly in the American movie market," Braidfoot said. Through early October, it had played in less than 130 of the country's 13,000 theaters, he added, noting it had netted Universal about \$3.5 million, compared to costs of up to \$17 million.

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In addition to the content of the movie, the religious protestors have found fault with at least three aspects of its promotion, Braidfoot said:

-- They feel Universal produced and distributed the movie "in a manner calculated to heighten the controversy around it and to portray opponents of the movie in a biased way."

-- They have said Universal's screenings of the film have ignored some elements of the religious community and highlighted others who were "considered most likely to be supportive of the movie."

-- Universal funded and had approval rights to a glossy "discussion guide" about the film. It was sent to 200,000 people but did not mention its relationship to the studio that produced the movie.

The protestors' statement notes:

"We believe that religious tolerance is an integral part of an enlightened society.

"We believe strongly in freedom of expression for all human beings.

"We believe that the motion picture industry is one of the most powerful influences on our society.

"We believe that it is a blatant abuse of that freedom to desecrate any group's religious beliefs or customs, as we believe the movie 'The Last Temptation of Christ' has done."

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Southern Seminary board
adds business to retreat

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ORLANDO, Fla. (BP)--Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's board of trustees filled two vacancies on its board and heard a report from its executive committee during a called board meeting Oct. 19 that concluded a two-day trustee retreat.

Although Southern's trustee board has only one full meeting annually, the trustees' third annual fall retreat also included a brief business session. The first two retreats were held in Louisville, Ky., where the seminary is located, but this year's event was moved to Orlando, Fla., at the invitation of a trustee who provided accommodations.

Two trustees added to the 63-member board are James E. Harris, Baptist associational religious education director in Dayton, Ohio, and Samuel Carey Heard, pastor of Park Hill Baptist Church in North Little Rock, Ark.

Harris, whose election is subject to ratification by the full board at its 1989 annual meeting in April, will fill the unexpired term of Ohio trustee Ronald E. Stewart, who moved out of the state. Heard, who will serve until the 1989 session of the Southern Baptist Convention, will fill the unexpired term of Arkansas trustee Mark Coppenger, who left that state.

During the 90-minute business session, trustees also:

-- Asked board Chairman Alton Butler of Pensacola, Fla., in consultation with seminary President Roy L. Honeycutt, to appoint a trustee committee to review the seminary's five-year salary structure, with a report to be made to the trustee executive committee in February followed by a report to the full board at its annual meeting in April.

-- Authorized an off-campus program of professional and graduate theological education by the seminary, including degree and diploma programs, for the Northeast, beginning with seminary centers in Pittsburgh and Boston.

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Southern will serve as the lead seminary in an agreement between the six SBC seminaries and the Northeast Task Team for Theological Education to develop opportunities for theological education in the Northeast. The effort also involves the cooperation of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and the Baptist state conventions of New England, New York, Maryland-Delaware, Pennsylvania-South Jersey and District of Columbia.

-- Heard a report from the trustee executive committee on its study of procedures and guidelines for trustee election. The process is being reviewed in an effort to resolve "the ambiguity and uncertainty" created by current provisions in the seminary's charter.

By charter, the seminary's board has elected new trustees at its annual meeting in April following the election of those trustees by messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention the previous June. In order to accelerate the process, trustees met in an adjourned session of the board during last summer's SBC annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas, to elect those trustees just nominated by the convention.

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Missionaries take
new FMB positions

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RICHMOND, Va. (BP)--Three missionaries have accepted new administrative roles with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Faye Pearson, a missionary educator and student worker in Taiwan for 20 years, has been named associate to the director for East Asia. She is the first woman named by the mission board to a regional administrative post overseas.

From a base in Taiwan, Pearson of Laurel, Miss., will relate to nearly 200 Southern Baptist missionaries in Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao. Her responsibilities will include personal ministry to missionary families, spiritual support and development, coordination of missionary education and training, and evaluation of missionary work, programs and institutions.

Missionary Ron Hunt has been named associate to the director for West Africa. Hunt will continue in his current role as administrator for Southern Baptist mission work in The Gambia and Senegal and also relate to missionaries in Guinea and in the Sahel region of West Africa, which includes countries bordering the Sahara desert area: Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger Republic. Ninety-three missionaries work in these six countries.

Hunt was appointed a missionary in 1973 and worked in Liberia in education ministries. He and his wife, Anita, later began Southern Baptist mission work in The Gambia. A native of Los Angeles, he considers Tulsa, Okla., his hometown.

John Ingouf has been named associate director for Southern Asia and the Pacific. From the mission board's Richmond Va., offices, he will relate to nearly 500 missionaries in 16 countries of that region.

Ingouf, from Shreveport, La., was appointed a missionary to Indonesia in 1960. Since 1971, he has worked in promotion, distribution and editing at the Baptist Publishing House in Bandung, Indonesia, concentrating on discipleship and church development materials.

Ingouf will begin work in Richmond next April. Missionary Mary Alice Ditsworth, a 31-year veteran of work in Indonesia, will be interim associate director beginning Dec. 1.

J. Murphy Terry of Vandalia, Ill., who has held the Richmond post since 1981, and his wife, Linda, have been reappointed as missionaries. They will work in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, where he will be business manager of Baptist Theological Seminary.

Ditsworth of Pascagoula, Miss., worked in religious education and publications in Indonesia. She plans to be administrative secretary to Jerry Rankin, director for Southern Asia and the Pacific, in Singapore after she leaves Richmond.

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Missionaries to begin
work in Netherlands

EINDHOVEN, Netherlands (BP)--Southern Baptists' first missionaries to the Netherlands will bring experience in three cultures to their new assignment.

Loren and Cherry Turnage, Southern Baptist missionaries since 1959, are transferring to the Netherlands from Scotland, where they helped launch an English-language church.

In the Netherlands, they will lead an English-language church formed earlier this year in Eindhoven, a city of 380,000 people 70 miles south of Amsterdam. The Philips electronics corporate group, which employs thousands of English-speaking workers, is headquartered there.

The Turnages worked in Colombia for 11 years. They transferred to Iran in 1973, where he led an English-language church in Tehran until 1977. They have worked in Scotland since 1978. He is from Bolivar, Mo. She is from Sapulpa, Okla.

The number of countries where Southern Baptist missionaries work remains at 113. As the Netherlands is being added, Vanuatu in the South Pacific is being dropped because authorities refused residence visas for a missionary couple appointed to work there.

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Ugandan churches growing
despite rebels, raiders

By Craig Bird

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MBALE, Uganda (BP)--Two years of killing, looting, rape, hunger and hopelessness in northeastern Uganda have not stalled the spread of Christianity there.

Ugandan Baptist pastors in the area, at considerable personal risk, continue to travel by foot or bicycle from their homes to the town of Soroti and back, transporting Bibles and relief goods to thousands of people.

Southern Baptist missionary Harry Garvin has managed to maintain personal contact with only two of the 45 Baptist churches in Teso District because anti-government rebels roam the area. But the pastors report churches are full.

"Between September 1987 and January 1988, Issac Okwang, Agustine Opedun and others baptized 250 new believers in just eight churches near the town of Tiriri, an area of intense suffering," said Garvin of Cisco, Texas.

More than 600,000 Iteso and Kumam people live in the Teso District, with membership in Baptist churches estimated at 7,000. Since mid-1986, district residents have been the victims of rebels seeking to overthrow the government and of raiders, mostly from their traditional enemies, the Karamojong, but also outlaws from their own ethnic groups.

"Raiders have taken most of the cattle," Garvin explained. "The planting and harvesting of crops have been eliminated in the worst-hit areas and drastically reduced in most others.

"Hunger is a gripping thing, infant mortality is staggering, malnutrition is horrifying and robbing and vandalism have taken a debilitating toll on nearly the entire population."

The violence claimed the assistant pastor of Ajonyi Baptist Church during the summer. Rebels chose a site near the church to ambush three government ministers enroute to a peace conference with a different rebel group. The government officials survived, but during a gunbattle, the assistant pastor and two of his brothers were killed.

Government efforts to meet the needs of the people are producing gradual improvement, Garvin pointed out, but progress is slow in the face of so many problems.

Government cooperation and the bravery of the Ugandan pastors have enabled more than \$65,000 in relief aid from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to flow into the area.

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Several thousand people have received blankets, food, powdered milk, seed and hoes. The pastors distribute the goods to Christians and non-Christians.

Garvin and his wife, Doris, have worked in the Teso District since 1970 in evangelism and church development.

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Personal involvement needed
for world evangelization

By Frank Wm. White

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HARRISBURG, Pa. (BP)--Jesus Christ's mandate for evangelizing the world requires the personal involvement of all Christians, a Southern Baptist pastor told students from three states attending a weekend "vision conference" to develop personal long-range discipleship strategies.

Tom Wolf, pastor of the Church on Brady, a Southern Baptist congregation in downtown Los Angeles, challenged the students to consider career moves to major cities of the world to open doors of opportunity for personal involvement in worldwide evangelism.

Wolf was a featured speaker at the student ministry conference in Harrisburg, Pa., involving students from Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio.

Vision conferences, which have been conducted across the nation since 1983 by the student ministry department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, guide students in preparing a six-year personal evangelism strategy. "In an age when everything is instant, the idea of a long-range preparation is unique," said Carolyn Teague, consultant for discipleship and Bible study in the student ministry department.

Wolf said involvement in world evangelization is a crucial responsibility for every church and individual Christian.

The church where Wolf has been pastor for the past 19 years emphasizes worldwide evangelism in addition to its focus on inner-city ministry in Los Angeles. With an average Sunday morning attendance of 700, the church has more than 100 people trained to participate in foreign missions projects, Wolf said.

Foreign missions involvement of the church is coordinated through Southern Baptist missionaries and the convention's Foreign Mission Board. The church has focused on seven nations for its missions involvement and has planted churches in Belize, Mexico and the Philippines.

Reaching key urban centers throughout the world is crucial to Southern Baptist world evangelization efforts because a majority of the world's population now lives in urban areas rather than rural areas, Wolf says.

He challenged the students to impact the nations of the world by seeking opportunities to live and work in the urban centers.

Students who attended the Harrisburg vision conference are pursuing degrees in political science, engineering, management, nursing, history, English and other areas. Many of those degrees will be useful in getting jobs in foreign countries, especially working for U.S. corporations with international interests, Wolf said.

Citing his inner-city church as an example, Wolf said the best approach to evangelism is to become involved in the daily lives of people by living and working with them.

A model that has worked in urban Los Angeles will work in urban centers throughout the world, he added.

Students who choose to undertake their careers in some of the world's major urban areas can be the best missionaries there or, in some cases, the only missionaries because of government restrictions on career missionaries, Wolf said.

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Performing-artist group
to give members a break

By Jim Burton

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)--When Southern Baptist musicians, singers, actors and other performing artists look for their first big break, they may find it with the National Fellowship of Baptist Performing Artists.

Many performing artists struggle to find a ministry outlet for their skills, said Bob Salley, director of the National Fellowship of Baptist Men.

"One of the largest problems that performing artists have is that when God calls them into a ministry utilizing their talents, there is no way to get started," said Salley, who also is a concert singer. "There is no system set up to help them begin a concert ministry."

A ministry of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission in Memphis, Tenn., the performing artists' fellowship will offer training and visibility as well as a support system for the performers.

Some performing artists will serve one-year internships, Salley said. They will train first in New York City and then be assigned to a region of the United States for concert ministry and promotion of fellowship and volunteer missions.

"The coordinating offices for the performing artists' fellowship will be in New York City," said Salley. Bob Saul, bivocational pastor of City Church in Manhattan, is the fellowship's coordinator.

Interning performing artists will receive training from voice teachers and other instructors in New York to help improve their skills. Also, they will be trained in booking and management and in making recordings.

The interning performing artists will have to raise their own support for the year, said Salley. The fellowship will pay their travel to concerts.

Other performing artists will volunteer part time to perform within a 250 mile radius of their home to promote the fellowship and volunteerism. The fellowship will assist with their bookings.

"We want Southern Baptists to look to the Brotherhood Commission when they have special program needs," said Salley.

The performing artists will be available for church, associational, state and national meetings. Each performing artist will audition before receiving endorsement from the fellowship.

Brotherhood Commission President James H. Smith said performing artists will play a vital role in volunteer missions: "These performing artists will be taking the message of volunteer missions direct to the churches. We anticipate thousands of Southern Baptists responding to missions challenges as they learn about the opportunities in the Southern Baptist Convention."

Donations or love offerings received during the concerts will be used to support the fellowship's projects, which will not be supported by the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget.

The National Fellowship of Baptist Men is a ministry of the adult division of the Brotherhood Commission. It includes 14 fellowships encompassing various skills, interests and vocations to be used in missions.

Junior high student begins
Baptist Pen Pals for Peace

By Sherianne Bangham

MEMPHIS, Tenn.(BP)--For Courtney Walsh, a day without a letter is a rarity. In fact, a day without six or seven is unusual.

It takes that many for her to keep up with her 200 pen pals.

Walsh, a seventh-grade student at White Station Junior High School in Memphis, Tenn., is founder and currently main correspondent of Baptist Pen Pals for Peace, an international effort at bringing Baptist young people together in a quest for peace.

"I've grown up being taught that peace is the only way," said the 12-year-old student, "that Jesus taught peace is the only way. It was the only way in his life, and it should be the only way in our lives."

God made the world for all people to share, Walsh said. And it is important for people to get to know people in other countries, even people they may never have the opportunity to see, she added.

Through Baptist Pen Pals, she hopes to help make such relationships come about.

Walsh proposed the project last August at the International Baptist Peace Conference in Sjovik, Sweden. She attended the conference with her parents. Tom Walsh, her father, is vice president of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North American.

When she read her proposal before the 175 delegates from 26 countries, she received spontaneous applause and promises of support. Baptist Times of London even ran a front-page article on her proposal.

Thirty participants from Canada, Sweden, Australia and the United States have joined her. And Courtney receives requests for information from others each week. The organization is for young people up to age 18.

"We do have one person who didn't understand who is 21," she said. "But we're not going to kick her out."

The idea for Baptist Pen Pals began with Courtney's interest in making friends in other countries. Last year she placed an ad for a pen pal in a teen magazine, and her hobby grew from there. Her 200 pen pals are located in 18 countries and range in age from seven to 37.

"I thought it was really fun," she said. "A lot of people don't know how to get pen pals."

So she began helping her friends. "I've hooked up some of my pen pals with some of my other pen pals," she explained.

The formation of Baptist Pen Pals was an obvious next step. Through it she finds a natural blend of her hobby and her commitment to peace.

"I think it's important for children to get to know children in other countries," she said. "Maybe as kids they'll do something that will carry on as adults."

Ken Sehested, executive director of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North American, agrees. "It's hard to hate someone who has a face," he said.

The peace fellowship supplies Courtney with stationary, stamps and space in its office at Prescott Memorial Baptist Church in Memphis. Sehested thinks this is a good idea.

"So much of what we do in this office has a long-term payoff," said Sehested. "Twenty to 30 years from now (participants in Walsh's project) will be part of a generation with a different worldview because they have had contact with others of other cultures."

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The idea of Baptists in different countries writing each other is an excellent one, not because Baptists should only communicate with Baptists, but because there is a common identity, Sehested said.

"You use the networks you've got," he said. "For Baptists in other countries, particularly Europe, peacemaking is much nearer and dearer than it is here. They've been through war, felt it and smelled it."

He feels more people will respond to Courtney Walsh's pen-pal project.

And so does she. One letter at a time.

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Sherianne Bangham is a freshman at Memphis State University.
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Volunteer reaches many with
 little in apartment churches

By Mark Wingfield

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HOUSTON (BP)--With two volunteer couples and \$100 per month, Barbara Oden says, she can start a church in any apartment complex.

She already has started 15 apartment congregations in Houston. Now she has her sights on 3,000 other complexes, where 47 percent of the city's population lives.

Oden is a Mission Service Corps volunteer appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. She coordinates multi-family housing ministries for Houston's Union Baptist Association.

Although nearly half of Houston's residents live in apartments, Oden has discovered, only 2 percent of apartment dwellers attend church anywhere.

"I'm so burdened about these people," she says. "We haven't even scratched the surface."

Oden has drawn on her eight years of experience as an apartment manager to develop a ministry plan that amazes even her. "If somebody had told me about what we're doing when I was an apartment manager, I wouldn't have believed it could be done," she says.

The secret of Oden's success is meeting the needs of both apartment owners and residents at the same time.

To begin an apartment church, Oden asks the owners for two free apartments and freedom to conduct Bible study and worship within the complex. In return, Oden offers to maintain a full program of family activities for residents.

Residents enjoy the safe, easily accessible activities. Owners see dollar signs because of increased occupancy and higher retention rates.

The Oaks of Wood Forest apartments had a 79 percent occupancy rate when Wood Forest Baptist Church began a ministry there. Seven months later, occupancy had jumped to 96 percent.

Manager Tony Luna says he's pleased to be doing so well in Houston's overbuilt apartment market. A portable sign at the complex entrance boasts, "Fun activities for all ages."

Volunteers Jerry and Ginger Hamilton live in one of the free apartments to coordinate the work. They use the other apartment for activities and worship.

Already the apartment church averages more than 40 people in attendance. Twenty-one people have professed faith in Jesus Christ, and eight of them have been baptized.

Oden notes these are big results for a little expense. The Hamiltons are volunteers; he works as a purchasing agent for the Texas Eastern Co. The facilities are free, and the apartment owners usually pay for special events like cookouts and parties.

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Churches that cannot afford to sponsor traditional missions can reach people that wouldn't attend traditional missions, Oden insists.

The major resource sponsoring churches must give is volunteers. "This gives laypeople who have no job in the church a sense of being needed," she says. "And they are needed. They're winning the lost to Christ."

Oden's hardest job is convincing pastors to give up two couples as volunteers, she says. However, pastors that help discover their own churches grow as a result.

David Adkins, pastor of First Baptist Church of Missouri City, Texas, sent his daughter and son-in-law to work in the Fonvilla apartments.

"The Lord replaced one family with two," Adkins reports. "It's a good investment."

Thus far, Oden has helped nine churches sponsor apartment ministries. First Baptist Church of Houston sponsors the most units, with five.

Oden is a member at First Baptist and got her start through the church's Westview Mission Center. She felt called to ministry but knew there were limitations for a 35-year-old single parent.

Harvey Kneisel, minister of missions at First Baptist, received a request for help from an apartment complex just hours before Oden came to volunteer for any available ministry.

She became the association's first resident apartment minister at the Springbrook apartments in 1986.

Other volunteers now continue the work she began there. The Springbrook church has produced 130 professions of faith in Christ and includes ministries such as Big A Club for children and English classes for adults.

Apartment pastor Stan Felder, who lives in the complex with his wife, says his ministry is far different from the average pastor: "We don't bring people in for Sunday, Sunday night and Wednesday night. We have them all the time."

Nearly all the children in Felder's low-income neighborhood come from broken homes. On Father's Day they ran out of construction paper when making greeting cards.

"If the gospel can't make it here, it's no good," Felder says.

But the gospel appears to make a difference throughout Springbrook, as illustrated by an anonymous theologian's paraphrase of Acts 5:42 on a chalkboard in the activity center:

"And daily in the complex and in every apartment, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ."

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